

REMARKS

Claim 1 remains after amendment.

Claim Amendments

Claim 5 is cancelled and the limitations thereof added to claim 1. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowance of the subject matter of claim 5 (inadvertently identified as claim 2 by the Examiner - claim 2 having previously been cancelled).

Rejection under 35 USC §103(a)

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '204 (JP 62-191204) in view of JP '209 (JP 07-061209) and JP '214 (JP 10-129214) and optionally further in view of German '792 (DE Patent No. 3122792).

In response, applicants amend claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of allowed claim 5.

In view of this amendment, the rejection is believed to be moot and should be withdrawn.

With the above remarks and amendments, applicants believe that the claims, as they now stand, define patentable subject

matter such that passage of the instant invention to allowance is warranted. A Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

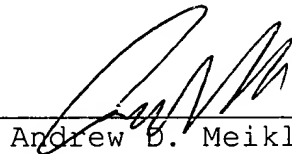
If any questions remain regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative in the Washington metropolitan area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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